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THE GRAND WORK OF THE REPUBLIC.

A generation which counts its descent from

the founders of the Republic seems largely to be in

danger of forgetting their pre-eminent distinction.

They were few in numbers, they were poor in

worldly possessions—the sum of the fortune of

the richest of them would afford a fine theme for

the scorn of the Philistine of to-day; but they had

an inviolable confidence in the truth of those

principles in which the foundations of the Re-

public had been laid, and they had an unselfish

purpose to maintain them.—BURNETT POTTER'S

ADDRESS.

THE FRACTIONAL RESULT.

Bishop Potter's Centennial sermon has

been heard by the country at large.

Will it be heeded?

Out of the wide-spread discussion aroused

by this trumpet-toned warning, some measures

for the correction of the political evils should

come.

Can Gov. HILL, for instance, hesitate now

about signing that Ballot Reform Bill?

WHAT NEW YORK GAINED.

It is undoubtedly true that the financial

results of the Centennial, so far as our mar-

chandise and other business men are concerned,

were not especially gratifying.

In fact, in many quarters there was an

absolute loss sustained. This is a great disap-

pointment to those who had calculated on

accelerated business, but because of this

there is no reason for New Yorkers to count

the Centennial a failure.

New York gained much in many ways. Its

hospitality warmed the hearts of the visitors,

its resources were a revelation to strangers,

its intense patriotism was demonstrated be-

yond question, its care for the safety of its

guests was wonderful and in every way it

maintained its prestige as the greatest city in

the country.

As a result of the Centennial there is, all

over the United States, a kinder feeling

towards New York.

And above all, New York's local pride,

which has heretofore been regarded as dor-

mant, if not lacking, has been vigorously

aroused by this patriotic outbreak.

HERE'S ANOTHER BRAVE MAN.

THOMAS RUTWELL, a young man residing

in Brooklyn, yesterday saved the life of a lit-

tle child, and nearly lost his own in so doing,

receiving serious injuries as a result.

Such heroic deeds as this deserve recog-

nition. Men wear medals of honor for ser-

vice in war requiring not half the courage of

that exhibited by young RUTWELL. And

this is but one of a dozen similar instances

recorded of late in the public prints.

Heroism has not yet gone out of fashion.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

The crowds that yesterday thronged the

city parks provided a sharp object lesson for

those who favor schemes for giving up por-

tions of these breathing spaces to grasping

corporations. The scene at Battery Park

was especially suggestive of the wrong that

would be committed against the city's toilers

should the wishes of the L road be acceded

to and the park further encroached upon.

WHAT WE REALLY NEED.

What is needed in this city is not so much

more Justices, but more Justice.

AT THE POLES AGAIN.

Eighteen Avenue the Scene of Destruction

To-day.

The two gangs of the Department of Public

Works to-day resumed the work of taking down

the telegraph poles and wires under Mayor

Grant's order.

The objective point this morning was Eight

avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fifth

streets.

Judge Childers drove to the Good Cause.

The Sixty-ninth Regiment Parnell De-

partment has received a check for \$100

from Judge Henry A. Childers.

THE BUYING OF VOTES.

Some Working Politicians Who Also

Condemn It!

Interviews with Barney O'Rourke and

Patty Walsh on Bishop Potter's

Sermon!!

Both Commend Him for His Boldness

in His Centennial Address!!!

To learn the views of some working politicians

regarding Bishop Potter's bold Centennial ser-

mon, EVENING WORLD reporters sought out a

number of these gentlemen this morning.

Mr. Barney O'Rourke is, as every one knows,

one of the Republican leaders of the banner Re-

publican district of the city. Like his

brilliant Republican contemporary, Silver

Dollar Smith, he keeps a popular liquor

store, and when not engaged in the busi-

ness of statehood he is to be found in his

saloon. He was found there to-day when an

EVENING WORLD reporter called on him.

Mr. O'Rourke, who is always genial and would

say anywhere as a Celtic gentleman of the old

school, was in a particularly good humor and

talked with eloquence and fluency.

"I think," said he, "that it was a very good

sermon and entirely appropriate to the oc-

casion."

"The Bishop's denunciation of the purchase

of votes is right," he said, "and it ought to be

done. It has gone too far, and it ought to stop.

It is bad for the man who buys the vote and bad

for the man who sells it. It is a bad example

to other voters. I should like to see an end of

it, and to see honest elections."

Here Mr. O'Rourke looked particularly so-

lemn, and said: "The Democrats do all the

vote-buying."

Then the distinguished Republican leader

had recovered sufficiently after making this

assertion to resume his discourse he said:

"Some of the reformers, also, buy votes."

"I don't want to see honest elections," he con-

tinued, "but I do not agree with Bishop Pot-

ter's ideas in respect to the spoils of office. I be-

lieve in the old Jacksonian doctrine that the

victors belong to the spoils." In appointments the

reference should certainly be given to members

of the party in power.

"I do not agree with Bishop Potter's views in

regard to practical politics. All politics are

practical politics. Without practical politics elec-

tions would probably fall into the hands of the

spoils men. The reformers, the vandals, the

flakes and the McAllisters—we would prob-

ably have a monopoly."

Mr. O'Rourke then agreed with Bishop

Potter about the evils of vote-buying and of

large expenditures of money in elections, but in

appointing men to office he held that a party

should give the preference to its own members."

Mr. Fatty Walsh, the County Democrat

of the Second Assembly District, who has

made the immortal campaign for the Board of

Aldermen, with the assistance of the late Jerry

Martinez, was found in his saloon, in the same

street. He had read Bishop Potter's sermon and

was delighted with it. He said:

"I have read the sermon and I agree with it. It

is a brave man who says that. No honest man

could object to it. I love a man who says what

he means, and means what he says. I wish more

ministers would preach the same kind of a

sermon."

New brave men like Bishop Potter would

do much to purify politics in this country and to

instill American ideas. He is the first man I ever

heard of who said a sermon I'd like to have delivered

every Sunday."

In regard to the buying of votes I think it is

a bad thing. No one regrets it more than the

politician."

I think the popular idea that politicians are

dishonest is wrong. I believe there is more

honesty among politicians than among business

men, even because a business man doesn't care

for public opinion, and a politician is always

afraid of public opinion. A politician has his

reputation to defend, and he wants to leave a

good name to posterity."

He knows he is doing wrong."

He is forced to do it for self-preservation."

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